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1. MISSION DIRECTOR ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACCEPTS PLANS FOR RECEPTION BY FRIENDS OF KENNEDY CENTER SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23. HE WILL STRONGLY URGE THAT ALL MEMBERS ATTEND.

2. AKIN-GEORGE ONLY MEMBER NOT VISITING WASHINGTON; WASHINGTON HOTEL RESERVATION FOR HIM SHOULD BE CANCELED. ALL 21 MEMBERS, HOWEVER, WILL REQUIRE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN OTHER CITIES.

3. DIRECTOR PLEASED THAT MEMPHIS PROGRAM CAN BE RESCHEDULED FOR 24-HOUR SCHEDULE BEGINNING AFTERNOON OCTOBER 2ND HOSTED BY HOLIDAY INN. HE HOPES THAT PROGRAM HOUSTON CAN BE SIMILARLY DELAYED TWO DAYS AND CONCLUDED END OF BUSINESS DAY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 TO ENABLE MEMBERS TAKE EVENING FLIGHTS BACK TO N.Y. EXCEPTION WOULD BE ADEJUMO WHO IS PROCEEDING FROM HOUSTON TO CALIFORNIA.

4. MISSION DIRECTOR WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF DEPARTMENT COULD MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR AIR FLIGHTS FROM NEW YORK TO MEMPHIS, UNCLASSIFIED

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MEMPHIS TO HOUSTON AND HOUSTON TO NEW YORK TO FIT AMENDED PROGRAM

AS WELL AS HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS HOUSTON. IF SHAMROCK HILTON BOOKED, WARWICK WOULD BE DIRECTOR'S SECOND CHOICE ALTHOUGH HE WILL BE AGREEABLE TO WHATEVER IS ARRANGED.

5. CHIEF OGUNBANJO, MISSION DIRECTOR, ASKS THAT DEPARTMENT ADVISE AMBASSADOR OGBU THAT FULL GROUP WILL REMAIN NEW YORK FOR NIGERIA NATIONAL DAY FUNCTION.

6. EMBASSY ADVISES AGAINST MAJOR WALTER GAY PROGRAM SCHEDULE PHILADELPHIA IN ABSENCE ENCOURAGING RESPONSE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AFTER APPROACHES IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK. NEW YORK PROGRAM ALREADY APPEARS FAIRLY FULL. ALTHOUGH MISSION DIRECTOR NOT FREE FOR PHILADELPHIA, HE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO MEMBERS MAKING SIDE TRIP IF THEY RETURN NEW YORK IN TIME FOR DEPARTURE MEMPHIS.

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